



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

225 ILCS 85/22b new  
410 ILCS 620/3.21

from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 503.21

Amends the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987 and the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act to allow pharmacists to initiate emergency contraception drug therapy without a prescription. Requires the pharmacist to provide the recipient of the emergency contraception drugs with a standardized fact sheet.

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1 AN ACT concerning drugs.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987 is amended by  
5 adding Section 22b as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 85/22b new)

7 Sec. 22b. Emergency contraception drug therapy. A  
8 pharmacist may initiate emergency contraception drug therapy  
9 without a prescription in accordance with standardized  
10 procedures or protocols developed by the pharmacist and an  
11 authorized prescriber who is acting within his or her scope of  
12 practice. Prior to offering such drug therapy authorized under  
13 this Section, a pharmacist shall have completed a training  
14 program on emergency contraception, which includes, but is not  
15 limited to, conduct of sensitive communications, quality  
16 assurance, referral to additional services, and documentation.  
17 For each emergency contraception drug therapy initiated  
18 pursuant to this Section, the pharmacist shall provide the  
19 recipient of the emergency contraception drugs with a  
20 standardized fact sheet that includes, but is not limited to,  
21 the indications for use of the drug, the appropriate method for  
22 using the drug, the need for medical follow-up, and other  
23 appropriate information. The Department shall develop this  
24 form in consultation with the Department of Public Health, the  
25 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the  
26 Illinois Pharmacists Association, and other health care and  
27 community organizations. The provisions of this Section do not  
28 preclude the use of existing publications developed by  
29 nationally recognized medical organizations.

30 Section 10. The Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is  
31 amended by changing Section 3.21 as follows:

1 (410 ILCS 620/3.21) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 503.21)

2 Sec. 3.21. Except as authorized by this Act, the Controlled  
3 Substances Act, the Pharmacy Practice Act of 1987, the Dental  
4 Practice Act, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Veterinary  
5 Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004, or the Podiatric  
6 Medical Practice Act of 1987, to sell or dispense a  
7 prescription drug without a prescription.

8 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a  
9 pharmacist from initiating emergency contraception drug  
10 therapy in accordance with Section 22b of the Pharmacy Practice  
11 Act of 1987.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-281, eff. 12-31-03.)